

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between the title and line 1, insert:

-- Cross-Reference To Related Application

U.S. Serial No. 08/462,148,
filed March 6, 1995, now
abandoned, which
is a continuation
of prior application

This application is a continuation of prior application

07/990,737, filed December 15, 1992, now abandoned. --

In the insert set forth beginning on p. 2 of the preliminary amendment dated March 6, 1995, in the description of Fig. 6, change "according to the present invention" to --
according to the prior art --.

In the insert set forth in the preliminary amendment dated March 6, 1995, between the descriptions of Fig. 16 and Fig. 18 set forth on p. 3 of said preliminary amendment, insert:

-- Figure 17 shows a schematic view of certain actions performed by the

Central Port Controller of Figure 16 according to the prior art; --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3-8, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 9-14 as follows:

-- 9. An STM multiplex telecommunications switch, comprising: a plurality of mutually parallel data switching planes and a control plane parallel thereto, each data switching plane having an equal number of input ports and output ports, and a central switching unit to switch each input port to an output port, the data being switched in octets;